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State Fire Defense Committee Elects New Chair

Chief Ronal W. Serpas announced today that the State Fire Defense Committee has elected Assistant Fire Chief Dave Wakefield as the chair of the committee.

The State Fire Defense Committee is composed of nine Regional Coordinators from across the state as well as representatives from the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Natural Resources, and the State Fire Marshal's Office. The committee is charged with oversight of the operation and maintenance of Washington State's Fire Service Resource Mobilization Plan. When activated, this "All Risk" plan provides fire service resources across the state for all types of emergency events.

Assistant Chief Wakefield brings 29 years of fire service experience to the committee and is currently employed with East Pierce Fire and Rescue. He has served locally as the Chair of the Pierce County Fire Chief's Association Emergency Management Committee from 1989 to 1999. Assistant Chief Wakefield represents the South Puget Sound Fire Defense Region, including King, Kitsap, Mason, and Pierce counties, and has served on the Committee as Vice Chair for the past three years. In addition, he has been a member since the State Fire Defense Committee's inception in 1992.

Assistant Chief Wakefield states, "Maintaining the mobilization plan and effective use of resources while containing costs is a vital part of the committee's responsibilities. Our success will be realized through continued communications, education, and training of the fire service as well as providing an effective emergency response to the citizens we serve."

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State, including inspections of state-licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data. For additional information, you may visit our Web page at www.wa.gov/wsp and then click on State Fire Marshal.

For more information on the State Fire Defense Committee, contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (360) 753-0400 or visit our Web site.

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